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The Honorable Bryan Steil Chairman Committee on House Administration 1309 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Joe Morelle Ranking Member Committee on House Administration 1216 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Steil and Ranking Member Morelle,

Pursuant to Section 504 of House Resolution 756 from the 116th Congress, I am submitting this quarterly report about establishing and maintaining a database of votes taken in Committees.

## **Committee Voting Module and Centralized Committee Portal**

With your assistance, my office received initial funding from the fiscal year 2023 Modernization Initiatives Account to begin building the next-generation platform for managing Committee work. This funding allowed us to collaborate with vendor partners to build the infrastructure for the Committee Activity Portal (C-Portal) and to develop the first three modules:

- Committee Vote Module: a tool for viewing and managing Committee votes as data. Key features include the ability to add, edit, sort, publish, and export Committee vote data.
- Committee Referral Module: a tool for tracking Committee and Subcommittee referrals. Key features include the ability to view, sort, and export Committee referral data.
- Committee Membership Module: a tool for managing Member names and rank order for Committees. This data is used to populate the official Committee tally sheets.

The product team comprises staff from our Legislative Computer Systems (LCS) division, the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO's) House Digital Service (HDS) team, and a contracted vendor.

Since our December 15, 2024, report, we have continued to work toward a product delivery based on this scope. While we have made substantial progress on all portal features, the application requires further refinements to be production ready. In May our initial vendor support contract ended, and my staff chose to take a more active role in managing the final delivery. We are continuing this effort with increased internal LCS staff participation and a no-cost extension of the vendor support contract. We anticipate an initial delivery during the third quarter of 2025.

Once we achieve a minimum viable product, HDS and LCS staff will begin working with a pilot group of Committee staff-including staff that supported initial discovery and requirements gathering-for review, feedback, and final refinement of the product ahead of a general release.

## **Committee Repository and Deconflict Committee Scheduler**

As the Committee is aware, LCS staff provide draft and published Committee Repository data for CAO's Deconflict Committee Scheduler (deconflict.house.gov) and HouseCal (calendar.house.gov). We coordinated with CAO staff on Change-of-Congress tasks necessary to support all three applications.

Finally, unless otherwise directed, we will submit the next report on Committee votes and related Committee functions on or before December 15, 2025. If you or others on the Committee have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable David Valadao, Chairman, Legislative Branch Appropriations cc: Subcommittee The Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Ranking Member, Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee Chief Administrative Officer Catherine L. Szpindor